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SUBJECT: PROJECTED EC9 DEMARCHE TO SAG ON NAMIBIA

1. BRITISH EMBOFF VISITED THE DEPARTMENT (AF/S) DEC. 24
TO INFORM US OF CONTENT OF PROJECTED EC9 DEMARCHE. HE
SAID DEMARCHE WOULD PROBABLY BE PRESENTED BY ITALIAN AM-
BASSADOR, BUT HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER THIS WOULD BE BE-
FORE OR AFTER UPCOMING SC MEETING ON NAMIBIA.
2. ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO PROVIDE TEXT, EMBOFF READ AND TRANS-
LATED HIGHLIGHTS OF DEMARCHE, OF WHICH HE HAD ONLY FRENCH
VERSION. MAIN POINTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:
3. EC9 STATES HAD EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM
WITHIN THE USUAL FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL COOPERATION AND
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WISHED TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO SAG.

4. THE NINE BELIEVE THAT INHABITANTS OF NAMIBIA SHOULD HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, WHICH MUST INCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORY THROUGH A FULLY DEMOCRATIC PROCESS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE AND UNDER UN SUPERVISION.

5. EC9 BELIEVE THAT "LES GROUPS POLITIQUES" SHOULD BE FREE TO ENGAGE IN PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN THE TERRITORY.

6. THE NINE BELIEVE FREEING OF ALL NAMIBIANS IN PRISON BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL OPINIONS COULD HELP THIS PROCESS.

7. FROM WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD SO FAR OF THE WINDHOEKCONFERENCE, IT IS INSUFFICIENT IN THAT ALL POLITICAL FORCES WERE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. IT DOES NOT SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE OF NAMIBIA WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE THROUGH A "CONSULTATION UNIQUE".

8. EC9 HOPE THAT THE SAG WILL LOOK WITH FAVOR ON SELF-DETERMINATION FOR NAMIBIANS ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRINCIPLES AND ON THE BASIS OF A PROCESS TO BE DETERMINED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SAG AND THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL.

9. THE UK EMBOFF INDICATED THAT, CONSISTENT WITH UNDERSTANDING WITHIN EC9, HE WAS NOT REQUESTING DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO PROJECTED DEMARCHE BUT WAS PROVIDING SUMMARY FOR OUR INFORMATION ONLY. INGERSOLL

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